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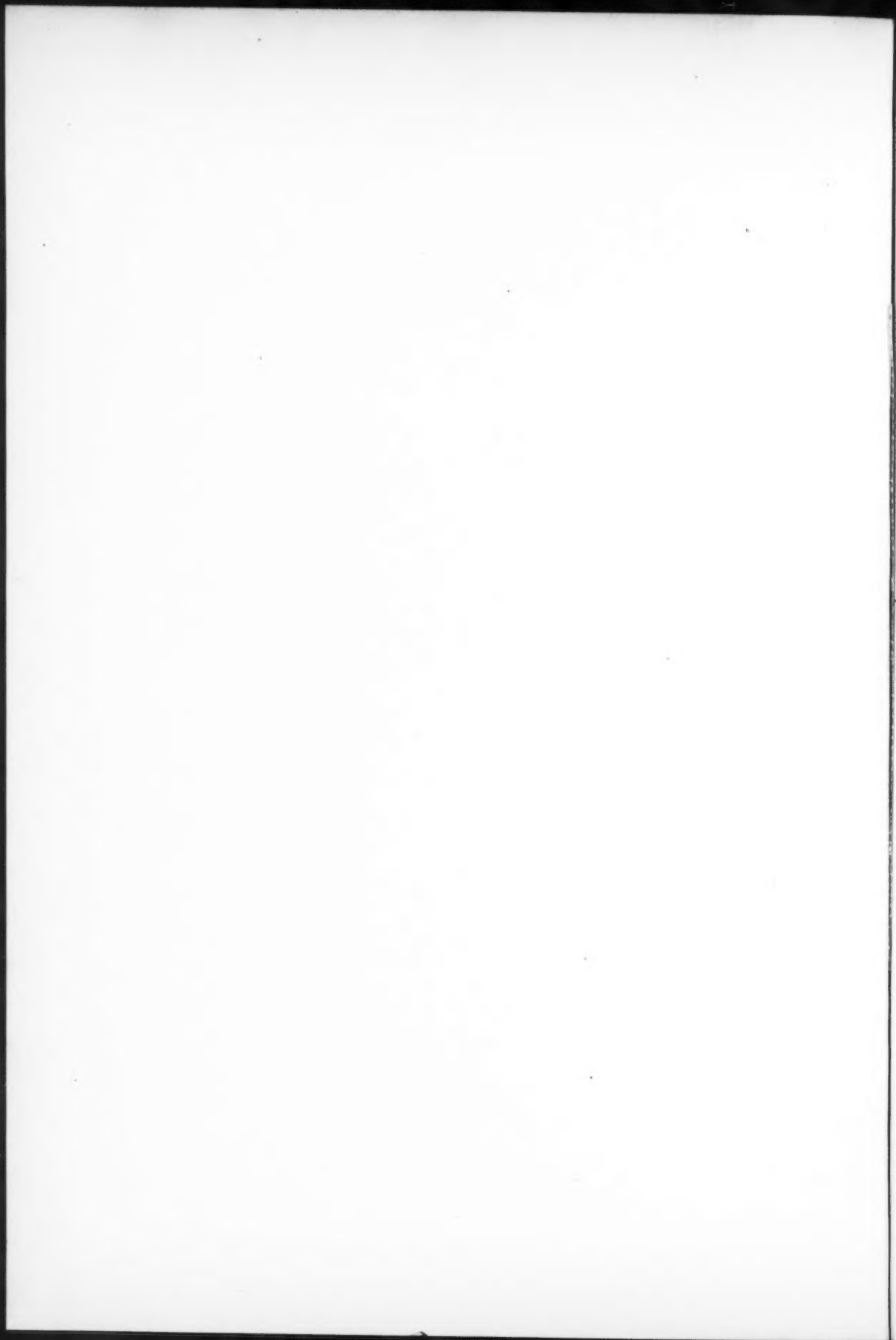
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In this volume the authors discuss physical diagnosis under four sections: History and General Examination, The Respiratory System, The Cardiovascular System, and The Abdomen, Genitalia, Extremities, and Reflexes. The descriptions are concise and well correlated with photographs, line drawings, and reproductions of x-rays. In the section on the heart and lungs, an especially lucid method of procedure is outlined to elicit the various lesions. The index seems somewhat incomplete, but is adequate for a volume probably intended as a student's handbook.—J. H. A.

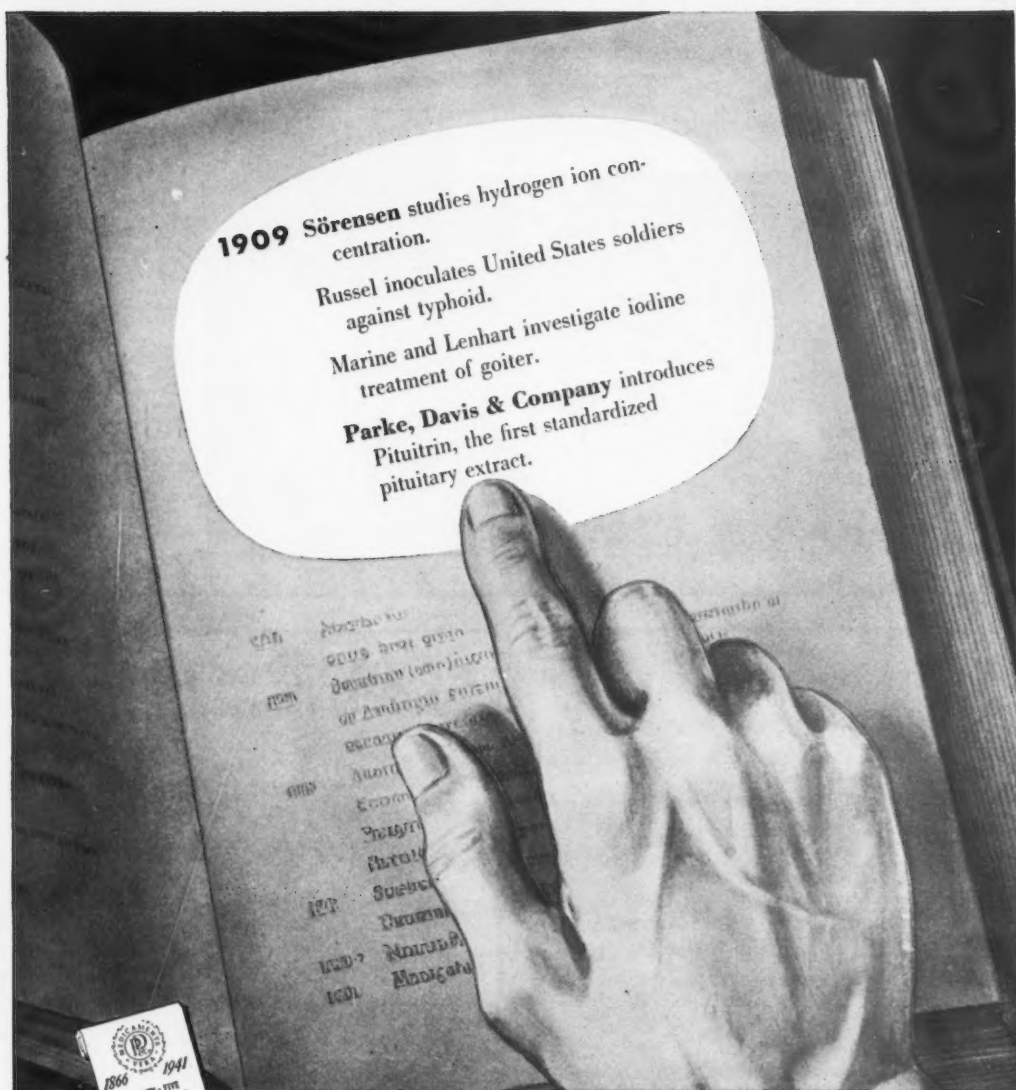
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The Essentials of Applied Medical Laboratory Technic. Details of How to Build and Conduct an Office or Small Hospital Laboratory at Small Cost. By J. M. Feder, M. D., Director of Laboratories and Allergic Service, Anderson County Hospital, Anderson, S. C. **Blood and Plasma Transfusion.** By John Elliott, ScD., Pathologist, Rowan General Hospital, Salisbury, N. C. Cloth. Pp. 241, with illustrations. Charlotte, N. C.: Charlotte Medical Press, 1940.

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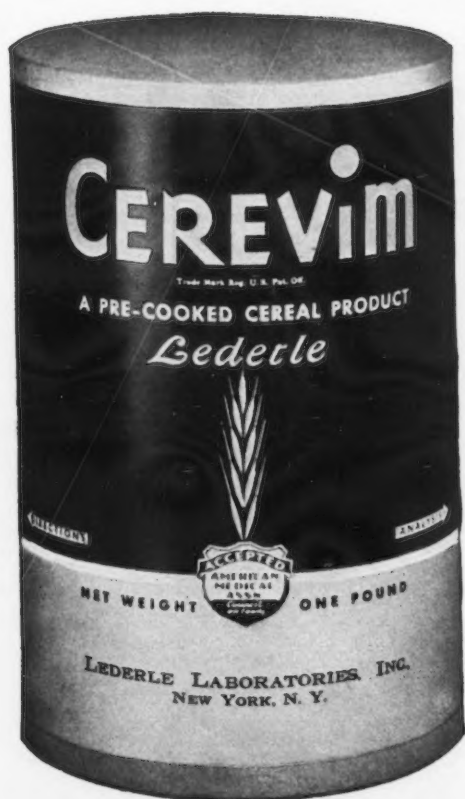
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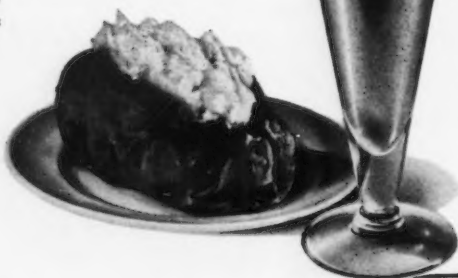
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